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Legal Reform.

at the laying of the corner stone of Wake Court House.

The address reads well and is especial- introduced throughout the South. ly pertinent in these days of legal quirks and of the laws delays. But while re- have all been enjoying it hugely. It form is needed in technicalities in criminary was the good fortune of your correspondent to attant nal matters, it would be well to also on the 6th of May, given to the Bethel pay some attention to civil causes. As and Sharon Sunday Schools, by the the courts are now run, criminal cases Captain of the Nense, It was a gala that to let it get warm, as it necessarily must do get nine tenths of the time allowed, and enter into the pleasures of the day with civil suitors must go almost without day "that enthusiasm which is so characterin court.

that he commends the adoption of the speedy trials are concerned. As the law is now administered a man may just claim for he knows he can go into ky, if thou hast no other name, let us court and keep his opponent out of his call thee devil." money for years by means of the laws Academy will take place on Friday, 2d from Mr. Busbee :

There is another reform which is within easy reach of remedial legislation. Not once or twice, but dozens and scores of times you have seen guilty men walk out from the prisoners' dock unpunished, because of some technical defect of indictment or proof. You have seen justice thwarted or delayed by some trivial error that the judge had no power to correct, because of the force of antiquated precedent. A single instance will serve as an example. You have lately seen a case remanded for a new indictment to be found because the words "A wound which produced instant death" did not sufficiently state that the wound was mortal. I do not complain of the decision of the Supreme Court, because it was based upon the old authorities, and had cases to sustain it, but I do cry out against any system of law that permits so great a denial of justice. These strict constructions of the law have come down to us from the annuals of English criminal law. At the time the original cases were decided, the punishment for every serious offense and a number of very slight offenses was death. A conviction of the larceny of the smallest article, the un-authorized killing of a rabbit, a hundred trivial offenses, was followed by the sentence of death. Besides, the unhappy prisoner was not allowed the benefit of counsel to speak in his behalf, though he might consult with an attorney in the preparation of his defense. Because of this strictness the judge, in all mercy. threw around the unfortunate criminals every strained and technical defense they could invent or imagine. But in course of time all the signs were abated. The list of capital offenses was reduced to a small number of heinous crimes; the defendants were permitted to employ counsel and to testify in their own behalf. Great Britain followed up these reforms by greatly modifying the strictness required in indictments.

There are only four capital offenses in North Carolina, and one of them is rarely punished with death; the defense has every advantage in the selection of the jury, the right to testify the pre-sumption of innocence. One does not need to be in a court house long to discover that if the defendant has any assistance, it is the community and not the criminal that requires protection. I do not mean that in any respect any modification should be made in the degree of proof required to convict. But I do believe that when the fact of guilt is proven, the technical offenses should be placed more under the control of the court; that trials of criminal offenses should always be upon the merits and not upon any technical defenses.

This is not a fitting time or occasion

We will do well to follow her example.

to speak at any greater length upon legal reform. The great barrier in the way of improvement is the fact that those of improvement is the fact that those who, by long study, alone are competent to deal with the intricate problem, are the most part wedded to the old ideas,

and honestly disbelieve in the possibility of improvement. Lawyers are the slaunchest of all conservatives. The blished daily except on Monday, at \$6.00 per adoption of the code of civil procedure ar, \$8.00 for six months. Delivered to city was a great step forward, the law permitting parties, and afterwards defendants in criminal prosecutions to testify was another advance; and a law simplifying forms of indictment, which cannot be much longer delayed, will be a third advance. And after many years we may hope to see some real progress made towards the great work of codifying and reducing to a system the body of the common law, for which all true reformers are praying.

Lenoir Letter.

THE JOURNAL CROPS - PIC NICS - CUT-TING AFFRAY.

Dear Journal: - We of Lenoir are glad to see the gratifying success which is attending the JOURNAL. Its appearobjectionable personalities; withholds the name ance this week is all that we could wish at the author; or that will make more than one it. We have reason to believe that its We have reason to believe that its editors will continue to receive that encouraging support from the good people of Lenoir county, which their energy and talent so eminently deserve.

Crops have suffered very much from the continued cool weather-cofton capecially. A gentleman remarked to me this morning that his cotton looked like it passed through a spell of "chills and The bud worms have been playing havoc on some farms.

I believe it is the universal opinion among some formers in this section, We give below an extract from the that "Pate's Patent Cultivator" has no address of Mr. Fab. H. Busbee, de- superior as an instrument to work young livered in Raleigh on the 20th of May cotton. It thoroughly pulverizes the land and throws sufficient dirt to the cotton. It is very simple machine, yet and delivered in New Berne in a better condition it does admirable work. It ought to be

This is the pic nie season, and we day for the children. They seemed to istic of young spirits. But the company We notice in Mr. Busbee's address was not composed entirely of children. Maiden charms and maternal dignity graced the occasion. I know I but Code of Civil Precedure in this State, reflect the sentiments of all those pres-This Code was adopted in name but cut when I return thanks to Mr. A. G. Railronds to get freight reduced. never in reality, so far as obtaining Coward, the manager, and that genial and affable gentleman, Capt. Roberts. for this day of enjoyment.

have no real defense to a civil suit, and Bell's Ferry Wednesday night, 17th isfaction. yet keep it in court for years before instant. Joe Aldridge, a negro, cut a ** Remember that we never make any charge coming to trial. If the Code, as first white man, Warren Wilson of Pitt county, the knife entering the back of adopted, had been retained, and all the neck and passing round to his throat, pleadings made before the clerk in the making a very ugly gash. Dr. S. K. time specified, there would not be such Woods was called in and rendered medidelay in getting justice as is now the cal assistance. The wound is not considered fatal, and at last accounts the case. Where a man is disposed to be patient was doing as well as could be litigious he will often refuse to pay a expected. Cause—whisky. "Oh whis-

delay. A wise man will submit to con- of June. instead of on the 4th, as I msiderable injustice rather than go to law correctly stated some weeks ago. Literunder the present practice. We quote ary address at H a. m., recitations and declamations 8 p. m. Quite a number are expected to attend.

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Jas. C. Harrison, Adm'r vs. the heirs at law of Betsy Brown, dec'd.

To MACCKLIN MOORE, one of the defendants i above entitled proceeding:

You are hereby required to appear before the Probate Court of Craven county on Saturday, June 24th, 1882, and answer or demur to the complaint in the above entitled proceeding, which is instituted to sell the land of the intestate, Betsy Brown, to make assets for the payment of debts.

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